

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

JUNE 6, 2017

6:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

**MINUTES:** Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey gave the following report:

1. We have begun the process of preparing the 2018 budget.
2. The final portion of the masonry work should be completed next week on the Farmer's Market. It will probably be mid-July before we will have a ribbon cutting. The temporary site is at Gettingers Market.
3. The Street Department has been working at the Farmer's Market near the north wall to make a flat surface.
4. The demolition at the Workforce Training Center is nearly complete.
5. We met with the school to discuss the use of the former Park Restaurant. The meeting went well, although they are not sure how it fits into their master plan. We will wait to hear back from them.
6. 16<sup>th</sup> Street – Cameron has the master plan for review. This is in front of the Drainage Board.
7. 16<sup>th</sup> & Spencer has been surveyed. We will set up a meeting with the neighborhood.
8. Wilson Estates – We will be grinding roots out of the pipes with a vac truck. If we decide to put in a trail in the future we may need to consider changing the pipe.
9. The pool building has been painted. We had a good crowd for opening day. The parks look good.
10. Thanks to Councilman Smith for speaking at the Memorial Day service.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** Clerk-Treasurer Copley said budgets are due June 17<sup>th</sup>.

She will be attending the Clerk-Treasurer's conference next week.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Bridges said if anyone did not receive the correspondence from Senator Leising to let him know. It gave a budget breakdown for the Community Crossings.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Stellar Designation** – There was a public meeting regarding the owner occupied housing project. Due to receiving very few applications the project was extended throughout the City. The applicants will go through a scoring process.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Councilman Cameron said the first concert went well and the attendance was great.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – Today was the 1<sup>st</sup> technical review for Tractor Supply.
- **Interns** – Mayor Pavey informed Council that Intern, Mason Gordon has raised \$7,100 towards the Farmer’s Market. Intern, Nate Robert-Eze has taken the layers from WTH and moved them to Beacon. Pavey said they have been very productive.
- **City Center** – The status is the same. We are waiting on pricing on the ADA portion.
- **Cherry Street** – Notices for property acquisition are being prepared.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Street** – Commissioner Miller said the quote for recycling is currently \$25.00 per ton.

**Park** – Director Burklow said he has 3 guys mowing. They have hired Gina Dyer as the assistant pool manager. The first few days at the pool have had good numbers.

On Thursday they will start clearing out the area for Frisbee Golf.

Berkemeier asked when the new toddler equipment will be in. Burklow said it was shipped out June 1<sup>st</sup> and they expect 7-10 days for arrival.

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins said the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of BEP properties have been chosen and there will be a public hearing July 11 at 10:00 a.m. There are 12 properties with 3 of those being replacement properties.

**Police** – Chief Tucker handed out statistics reports. He also gave Council information on radios. Tucker said the County has indicated that they prefer going with the purchase from Kenwood. He said these radios are actually cheaper than what they were planning to buy. He said he has enough in his budget for the purchase. He said this would not be their primary system, but would coordinate with the fire department. Tucker said everything would run through one head. The portables will be 800 megahertz. He said he believes they are moving in the right direction to be able to keep in touch with others agencies.

**Body Cameras** – Chief Tucker said they would need 11 dash cams for the cars and body cameras for 14 officers. This would cost approximately \$105,078.00. He said the equipment is easy to use and has good functionality. This includes a service package and software. There is also a financing option available. Tucker indicated that he believes he can obtain approximately \$20,000.00 in grant funding, therefore, he anticipates needing to finance approximately \$85,000.00. There is also a 3 year warranty. We will probably need to begin replacing the body cameras in 5 years. Tucker said they offer different mounting options. He said he found them to be very secure and stable. Once ordered it will take approximately 60-90 days to get them up and running.

**Animal** – Animal Warden Moran said they had their inspection. Bridges received a copy of the report. He will send it out to Council.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**PLANNING AND ZONING:** Nothing.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Employee Policy Adjustments – Meeting** – Another meeting will be scheduled.
2. **Transfer Station/Trash/Recycling/Rental Real Estate** – Pricing conversations have been with Greensburg, New Castle, and CGS. They are reluctant to share pricing unless we issue an RFP. We will move forward with the RFP.
3. **Dave Jordan-Zone Farming SB-1 Tax Abatement Resolution 2017-9** – Jim Bloom, Dave Jordan's partner, was present. He gave a brief description of their product and the investment in the building and equipment. He said they expect 200 new jobs. He said the building has limited use, but what they are proposing is good use for the building. Bloom said it will take 5-7 years to build up and will be one of the largest indoor farms in the US. They plan to convert the entire building, which will be equivalent to 5 acres. It will be an organic farm. It will be a clean farm as far as energy. They would like a community footprint for employment. He said this will require governmental oversight.

Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-9. Cameron seconded the motion. Smith amended his motion to include Resolution 2017-10. Cameron seconded the motion. Councilman Berkemeier opposed the motion. Smith moved to rescind

Resolutions 2017-9 and 2017-10. Cameron seconded. Motion carried.

Smith moved to amend the language of Resolution 2017-9 and 2017-10 to include the life of the abatement is for 10 years. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried. Smith moved to approve SB1 for personal property and real property. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**4. Resolution and Assessment Agreement Coordination**

a. Campaign Flats – Salvation Army Building –

b. Durbin Hotel –

c. Knights of Pythias (Old Boys Club/Rush County Players) –

Berkemeier informed Council that we need to review these properties so the descriptions match from 2014 to now. He would like to have a good paper trail. Council agreed.

**5. Former Park Restaurant Meeting with School** – Mayor Pavey said the meeting went well, but they are not sure what will happen. We should have a decision by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**6. Farm Property Sale** – Council requested a schedule from Umbaugh as to when the funds would be necessary. Umbaugh indicated that we would need the funds by 2018.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. 2016 Indiana Medicaid Freestanding Ambulance Cost Report** – The 2016 request has been submitted by Coonrod. We should receive a reimbursement of approximately \$48,112.00 sometime around November of 2018. We should receive the 2015 reimbursement around November 2017 of approximately \$48,000.00.

**2. 2014 Indiana Medicaid Freestanding Ambulance Cost Report Supplemental Payment** – We have also filed paperwork to receive approximately \$22,947.05 for a 2014 supplemental payment.

**3. Amended Salary Ordinance 2017-12 – Park Director** – Bridges moved to approve Ordinance 2017-12 amending the Park Director's salary. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**4. INTAT Tax Abatement** – David Reed was present representing INTAT. Conner moved to approve the CF1's for INTAT. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Conner asked how much more we would be spending to clean up the PN Hirsh building. Pavey said the limit is \$15,000.00. Conner moved to approve the claims as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** Councilman Smith asked for an update on paving. Pavey

said they need to set up a meeting with O'Mara and Vectren.

Councilman Cameron asked Lisa Carpenter for a comparison of the cubic rate per ton

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Cameron seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.